

Docket No.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEApplicants: **Kazumasa Harada, et al.**Group Art Unit: **Not Yet Assigned**Application No.: **National Stage of
PCT/JP2003/07330**Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**Filed: **Concurrently Herewith**For: **INK CARTRIDGE**Date: **December 9, 2004****INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A & B.

Copies of the cited references are enclosed. English abstracts and machine English translations of the cited Japanese Laid-Open Patent Applications have been provided.

Some of these references were cited in the international search report prepared during international processing of this application. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the International Search Report, and an English translation, are submitted herewith. The Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of this art.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(2), together with the subject national stage application.

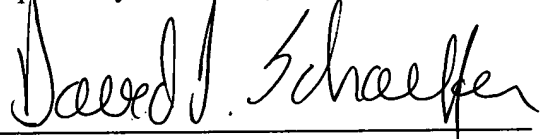
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Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may now or hereafter be due in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709, as necessary.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A & B be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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